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SUBJECT: ASHGABAT DCMR FUNDING REALIGNMENT OF FUNDS FROM  
SURVEILLANCE DETECTION PROGRAM

REF: A. ASHGABAT 00035  
    [1](#)B. SECSTATE 05302  
    [1](#)C. SECSTATE 20184  
    [1](#)D. SECSTATE 38178  
    [1](#)E. ASHGABAT 00379  
    [1](#)F. ROCHOWIAK/NEAL EMAILS  
    [1](#)G. RAMSEY/NEAL EMAILS  
    [1](#)H. RAMSEY/NEAL TELCON 05/19/2008

Classified By: Derived From: 2008 Ashgabat 00035 dated 01/08/2008.

- [1](#)1. (U) This is an action request, please see paragraph 4.
- [1](#)2. (C) Per email instructions, post is requesting the realignment of funds to cover the cost of 3 new Deputy Chief of Mission residence guard positions. Due to the termination of the Surveillance Detection program at post, three members of the Surveillance Detection unit will be absorbed into these positions.
- [1](#)3. (C) Ashgabat's Surveillance Detection program consists of 14 personnel, 13 SD members and 1 SD Coordinator. Through natural attrition, 3 vacancies have come available, leaving a total of 11 personnel assigned to the SD Unit. Per reftel, post is working to deactivate the SD program, with the exception of the SD Coordinator position and permanently assign the remaining personnel to vacant LGF and other positions throughout the embassy. Currently, there are 5 vacancies in the LGF, which will be occupied by members of the SD unit next week. Aside from the SD Coordinator position, there will be 5 remaining personnel. The RSO is optimistic that another one of the employees will be hired into an available embassy position next week.
- [1](#)4. (SBU) The estimated cost of the 3 new DCMR guard positions for the remainder of FY-08 will cost \$11,517.12. The estimated FY-09 cost for these 3 positions will be \$32,418.83. The costs for both FY-08 and FY-09 include a 12% salary increase that is due to the drop in the fixed exchange rate. As of 5/20/2008, there is \$61,460.65 available in the 9912 function code. Since there is already an equipped guard booth located at the DCMR, there will be no startup costs required for the three new positions.
- [1](#)5. (SBU) Action request: Post requests the realignment of funds totaling \$11,517.12 from function code 9912 to 5821 to cover the cost of salary and benefits for 3 DCMR guard positions. After the realignment of funds and the cost of salaries for the remaining SD personnel through June, there will be \$39,687 in funds available in function code 9912.
- [1](#)6. (U) Point of contact for this action is ARSO Brett Ramsey at 993-12-35-00-45.

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